

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF CROPS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether productivity of major crops has not increased as compared to other developing countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps taken thereon; and

(c) the details regarding the productivity of crops and the growth rate of production with respect to major food crops during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir. As per reports of Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), the productivity of major crops, i.e. rice, wheat, pulses, soyabean and sugarcane in India have witnessed an upward trend during last three years as compared to other developing countries.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Following table gives the detail regarding the productivity of major food crops during 2004-05 to 2008-09 and growth rates of production during 2004-05 to 2007-08:

Crop	Yield (Kg/Hectare)				Growth Rate (Million Tonnes)				
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08#	2008-09\$	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08#

Rice	1984	2102	2131	2203	2106	-6.10	10.42	1.70	3.30
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Wheat	2602	2619	2708	2785	NA	-4.86	1.03	9.32	3.42
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Coarse Cereals	1153	1172	1182	1418	1379	-11.01	1.79	-0.41	20.08
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pulses	577	598	612	635	534	-11.94	1.98	6.05	6.41
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Food-grain	1652	1715	1756	1854	1691	-6.96	5.16	4.16	6.16
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4th advance estimates released on 09.07.2008

\$ 1st advance estimates released on 25.09.2008 (Kharif only)

N.A.: Not Applicable as the sowing of wheat is in progress.